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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application)
Applicants: Kobayashi et al.)
Serial No.: 09/187,700)
Conf. No.: 3400)
Filed: November 6, 1998)
For: STORAGE MEDIUM AND)
METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR SEPARATELY)
PROTECTING DATA IN)
DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE)
STORAGE MEDIUM)
Art Unit: 2132)
Examiner: Meislahn, Douglas J.)

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Dear Sir:

In further response to the final Office Action mailed June 17, 2003, and pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: